



King County

Recognition

WHEREAS, major flooding conditions can cause significant damage to public and private property, disruption of public services and loss of human life; and

WHEREAS, King County has experienced six federally declared flood disasters in the last 13 years; and

WHEREAS, King County has responded to these flood disasters by securing grants and disaster funds to make repairs and upgrades to important public facilities and assisting private property owners to elevate or remove flood-prone structures; and

WHEREAS, King County has a nationally recognized floodplain management program that has helped reduce flood damages and the cost of flood insurance policies for its residents; and

WHEREAS, King County has a state-of the-art flood warning and emergency response capability that provides critical flood/emergency information each time King County experiences major flooding so that residents, businesses, property owners and emergency response officials can make critical health and safety decisions before, during and after flood events; and

WHEREAS, each fall, King County prepares for flooding conditions from heavy rains and snow melt that could increase risk to human lives and damage to public and private property through flood awareness meetings and flood warning training programs; and

WHEREAS, we can reduce risk and help make our communities more damage resistant by providing information to residents and property owners about actions they can take to prepare for floods;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Sims, King County Executive, hereby recognize the month of October 2003, to be

FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in King County. I encourage all residents living, working or traveling through flood-prone areas to join me in putting a flood preparedness plan in place for themselves and their families.

Ron Sims
King County Executive